

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
Continuation of U.S. Appln. No. 10/189,370

Attorney Docket No.: Q70923

**REMARKS**

By this Preliminary Amendment, claim 3 is cancelled. The specification and abstract have been amended.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

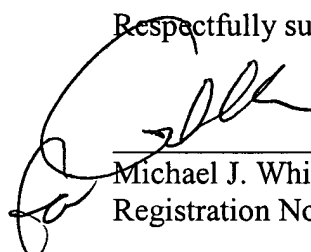
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